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SUMMARY. WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES HAVE CARRIED
EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OF SHCHARANSKY/GINZBURG
TRIALS DAILY SINCE JULY 7 ANNOUNCEMENT. IN RECENT DAYS,
REPORTING HAS INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON NEGATIVE US
DOMESTIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS AND MOUNTING PRESSURES
ON PRESIDENT FOR STRONG RESPONSE (UP TO AND INCLUDING
CANCELLATION OF TWO HIGH-TECHNOLOGY SALES, TEMPORARY
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SUSPENSION OF SALT AND OF GRAIN SALES). HIGHLIGHTS OF WP
AND NYT STORIES ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW; WE WILL UPDATE AS
NEEDED. WE UNDERSTAND WIRELESS FILE HAS BEEN CARRYING
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON THE TRIALS,
AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. ICA IS HOPING TO DO A
REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT EDITORIALS FROM MAJOR DAILIES AROUND
THE COUNTRY, WHICH MAY BE TRANSMITTED IN THE WIRELESS
LA-R THIS WEEK. END SUMMARY.

FRONT PAGE SHIPLER STORY IN JULY 8 NYT REPORTS ANNOUNCE-

MENT OF SHCHARANSKY TRIAL, "SHOCK" OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS AT TIMING IN LIGHT OF VANCE VISIT, AND NOTES SPECULATION BY WESTERN ANALYSTS THAT EXCHANGE OF SHCHARANSKY FOR TWO ARRESTED SOVIET SPIES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AFTER TRIAL. KLOSE STORY IN WP REPORTS THAT WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW VIEW ANNOUNCEMENT AS "DELIBERATE KREMLIN INSULT TO CARTER" WHICH MAY REFLECT KREMLIN BELIEF THAT SALT AGREEMENT NO LONGER POSSIBLE. HE NOTES THAT IN PRESENT "ACRIMONIOUS" ATMOSPHERE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS, TRIAL IS LIKELY TO "FURTHER COMPLICATE AND STRAIN MATTERS." BOTH NYT AND WP CARRY SEPARATE STORIES COVERING HODDING CARTER STATEMENT AT NOON BRIEFING. POST ALSO REPORTS CANCELLATION OF BARBARA BLUM TRIP ON "ORDERS" FROM SECRETARY VANCE ALLEGEDLY FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENT WITHIN DEPARTMENT. STORY QUOTES SOURCES AS SAYING AMBASSADOR TOON ADVISED AGAINST TRIP BUT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THOUGHT IT SHOULD PROCEED, WITH FINAL DECISION MADE BY SECRETARY. WHITE HOUSE QUOTED AS INDICATING PRESS TRIP STILL ON.

JULY 9 (SUNDAY) PAPERS GAVE CONSIDERABLE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO TRIALS, INCLUDING HUMAN INTEREST ANGLES (SHIPLER NYT STORY HIGHLIGHTING TRIBULATIONS OF SHCHARANSKY'S MOTHER) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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AND WP KEVIN LOSE WP ANALYSIS ENTITLED "SCHARANSKY TRIAL SEEN AS TEST FOR US-SOVIET TIES." KLOSE ANALYZES INTER-ACTION OF DISSIDENTS WITH PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, AND NOTES PREVIOUS SOVIET PRESS REPORTS INVOLVING EMBOFFS PRESEL AND LEVITSKY WITH LIPAVSKY. WP HEADLINE READS "VANCE CONDEMNS MOSCOW TRIALS IN WARNING ON TIES" AND WAS BASED ON SECRETARY'S JULY 8 STATEMENT.

JULY 10 WP KEPT TRIALS ON FRONT PAGE BUT IN LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER WITH STORY ENTITLED "MOSCOW SAYS US PRESS PRESSURE SOVIET COURTS." KLOSE STORY QUOTES FROM TASS ON US PRESS "DISTORTED VIEW" OF TRIALS, AND GOES INTO RELATIVELY EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON FAMILIES AND HISTORIES OF GINZBURG AND SCHARANSKY. SHIPLER NYT JULY 10 PAGE 1 ANALYSIS PORTRAYS THE UPCOMING SCHARANSKY TRIAL AS A "VIVID" INDICATOR OF THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF SOVIET FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY AND ONE OF THE MOST EMOTIONALLY CHARGED AND ISSUE LADENED POLITICAL TRIALS OF THIS DECADE. FOR SOVIET JEWS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE, FOR RUSSIANS HOPING FOR A LIBERALIZED SOCIETY, AND FOR AMERICANS WHO HAVE SOUGHT CLOSER US-SOVIET TIES "THE FUTURE IS DARKENED" BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TRY SCHARANSKY. FOR OTHER RUSSIANS THE TRIAL REPRESENTS A REASSERTION OF "TOUGH INTERNAL LEADERSHIP," AND IS NOT ALTOGETHER UNDESIRABLE. A CONVICTION FOR SCHARANSKY IS INEVITABLE -

IN LIGHT OF PAST POLITICAL TRIALS. BY WAY OF CARTER'S DENIAL OF ALLEGATIONS THAT SCHARANSKY WORKED FOR THE CIA, THE US HAS A STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL, AND THE TRIAL MAY BE SEEN AS A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO CARTER'S POLICY OF SUPPORTING SOVIET DISSIDENTS. THE SOVIETS CONSIDER ARMS CONTROL TO BE THE "CENTERPIECE" DETENTE, AND DO NOT CONNECT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA WITH CHANGES IN INTERNAL POLICY.

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RUSSIAN ANTI-SEMITISM. ON ANOTHER LEVEL, THE TIMING OF THE TRIAL MAY REFLECT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S OPINION THAT A "SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP" WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS ELUSIVE, AND THAT NOW IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO CLAMP DOWN ON INTERNAL DISSENT.

7/11 WP HEADLINE "MOSCOW BEGINS SCHARANSKY TRIAL, THREE OTHERS" LEADS STORY BY KLOSE WHICH ALLUDES TO POTENTIAL "HISTORIC CONSEQUENCES" OF SCHARANSKY CASE ON US-USSR RELATIONS. KLOSE STORY QUOTED FROM INDICTMENT AGAINST SCHARANSKY AS WELL AS FROM INTERVIEW WITH HIS BROTHER LEONID, WHO ATTENDED FIRST SESSION. SLIGHTLY LESS SPACE DEVOTED TO GINZBURG, AND RELATIVELY BRIEF MENTION WAS MADE IN KLOSE STORY OF PYATKUS AND FILATOV CASES, ALTHOUGH RE LATTER DISSIDENT SOURCES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SPECULATED THAT FILATOV TRIAL MIGHT BE RELATED TO SOVIET ALLEGATIONS THAT A US SPY RING HAD BEEN UNCOVERED. BELOW FEATURE STORY IS REPORT TITLED "US-SOVIET TALKS MUST CONTINUE, VANCE DECLARES," WHICH REPORTS SECRETARY'S JULY 10 NEWS CONFERENCE. REPORT NOTES SECRETARY DEFENDED GENEVA MEETING BUT NOTED A SOVIET DECISION TO PROCEED WITH TRIALS HAD AGGRAVATED RELATIONS. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN POWELL WAS ALSO QUOTED, REPORTEDLY DEPLORING THE TRIALS IN "MORE FORCEFUL TERMS." THE REPORT RECOUNTS THE CALL BY SENATORS JACKSON AND DOLE FOR A CANCELLATION OF GENEVA, AND ALLEGES "LOWER LEVEL US OFFICIALS" ALSO ADVISED AGAINST GENEVA. AN INSIDE PAGE ARTICLE TITLED: "WHITE HOUSE: TREASON TRIAL A SIGN OF SOVIET WEAKNESS," HIGHLIGHTED POWELL'S "BLUNT" LANGUAGE, AND REPORTED MEETINGS AND SPEECHES BY US OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THE TRIALS.

NYT JULY 11 FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE INCLUDES EXTENSIVE PHOTOS
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OF GINZBURG, SHCHARANSKY AND SOVIET PLAINCLOTHESMEN

OUTSIDE THE MOSCOW COURTHOUSE. SHIPLER ARTICLE GIVES DETAILS OF CHARGES AGAINST SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG, NOTES PROTESTS IN WEST, AND ALLUDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S EARLIER DENIAL THAT SHCHARANSKY HAD ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE CIA. GWERTZMAN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IS TITLED "VANCE IS ASSAILED FOR SOVIET TALKS IN FACE OF TRIALS," WITH SUBTITLES "HARDLINERS SEEKING A DELAY" AND "BUT SECRETARY INSISTS GENEVA MEETING HAS 'SPECIAL QUALITY' NOT TIED TO OTHER ISSUES." REPORT QUOTES FROM VARIOUS SENATORS, ASSERTS THE ADMINISTRATION HAD SOUGHT TO MAKE A TRADE FOR SHCHARANSKY BUT WAS REBUFFED BY SOVIETS, QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM THE SECRETARY'S JULY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE, AND REPORTS BRZEZINSKI MEETING WITH GROUP OF AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS. ALSO JULY 11, ABC CORRESPONDENT JOHN SCALI REPORTED ON THE NIGHTLY NEWS THE UPCOMING TRIAL OF SOVIET CITIZEN, FILATOV, CHARGED WITH SPYING FOR FOREIGN GOVT. SCALI REPORTS THAT SOVIETS PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC THE NAME OF THE OFFICIAL THAT ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED FILATOV.

SCALI'S IS THE ONLY MEDIA REPORT OF WHICH WE WERE AWARE WHICH HAS GIVEN MORE THAN PASSING REFERENCE TO FILATOV.

JULY 12 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES TWO FRONT-PAGE STORIES UNDER PROMINENT HEADLINE "CARTER UNDER PRESSURE TO RESPOND TO SOVIETS." DON OBERDORFER GENEVA STORY REPORTS PLANNED VANCE MEETING WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY AND QUOTES "SENIOR OFFICIAL" ON PLANE AS SAYING SALT TALKS FACE "HARD SLEDGING" IN GENEVA AND THAT ADDITIONAL US ACTIONS TO DISPLAY DISAPPROVAL ARE UNDER STUDY. VANCE ALSO REPORTED TO BE CARRYING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO BREZHNEV ABOUT THE TRIALS. SEPARATE KAISER/PINCUS STORY REPORT "ADVERSE POLITICAL REACTION, GATHERING LIKE STORMCLOUDS OVER THE WHITE HOUSE" AND "CREATING NEW PRESSURES FOR A FORMAL CHILLING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR. PRESIDENT IS SAID TO BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO RESPOND THAT WOULD NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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UNRAVEL "THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ASPECTS" OF THE RELATIONSHIP, BUT STORY GIVES HEAVY PLAY TO MOUNTING PRESSURES FOR STRONG ACTION. A SENATOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL TELLING HIM HOW "OUTRAGEOUS" IT WAS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WAS ABOUT TO APPROVE TWO SALES OF SOPHISTICATED US TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIETS AT THIS TENSE JUNCTURE. THE SENATOR REPORTEDLY COMMENTED "IT'S BEGINNING TO BE A SCANDAL THE WAY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PEOPLE CALL YOU UP AND SAY 'DENOUNCE THE PRESIDENT' OR 'DENOUNCE THE SECRETARY' FOR THIS OR THAT." ARTICLE REPORTS MOUNTING SENATORIAL CRITICISM: AT MRS. SOLZHENITZYN'S PRESS CONFERENCE; JACKSON AND MOYNIHAN URGED CANCELLATION OF TWO HIGH-TECHNOLOGY SALES TO USSR, WITH MOYNIHAN DENOUNC-

ING PRESIDENT FOR "ACQUIESCENCE" IN TRIALS VERGING ON "COMPLICITY." ON SENATE FLOOR REIGLE SAID HE COULD NOT SUPPORT SALT TREATY WITH "NATION THAT TERRORIZES ITS OWN PEOPLE;" PACKWOOD CALL FOR REPUDIATION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS; BAKER AND DOLE CALLED FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SALT TALKS. DOLE ALSO SAID HE WOULD FAVOR SUSPENSION OF GRAIN SALES FOR 30 DAYS. SENATE ADOPTED SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RESOLUTION CALLING ON SUPREME SOVIET TO SEEK A "HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION" TO THE "DEPLORABLE TRIALS." OPTIONS FOR RESPONSE SAID TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE INCLUDE LIFTING ACCREDITATION OF SOVIET JOURNALIST, SLOWING ISSUANCE OF US VISAS TO SOVIETS, RESTRICTING SOVIET TRAVEL IN US, CURTAILING CULTURAL AGREEMENTS AND --AT A HIGHER LEVEL--IMPOSING STRICTER CONTROLS ON TRADE. ONE SENIOR OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING IMPINGING ON SALT AND TRADE WOULD HAVE BAD CONSEQUENCES FOR BOTH SIDES. OFFICIALS ALSO PREDICTED FURTHER DETERIORATION ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS, POSSIBLY SETTING A NEGATIVE TONE FOR

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STORY ALSO QUOTES OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT US WILL AGAIN APPROACH SOVIETS AFTER SHCHARANSKY SENTENCING TO SEE IF HIS RELEASE CAN BE NEGOTIATED AND THAT BEFORE TRIAL, VANCE AND DOBRYNIN HELD "SERIOUS AND ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON SHCHARANSKY'S POSSIBLE RELEASE. OTHER WP COVERAGE INCLUDES P. 13 KLOSE STORY ON SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG TRIALS AND EDITORIAL STRONGLY CRITICAL OF THOSE ADVOCATING CALL CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY'S GENEVA TRIP.

BURT WRITES IN NYT UNDER TITLE "CARTER STUDIES TRADE CURB BECAUSE OF SOVIET TRIALS" THAT INTENSE GOVERNMENT DEBATE UNDERWAY OVER USING TRADE CURB AS RETALIATION FOR SOVIET TRIALS. REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE \$144 MILLION SALE BY DRESSER INDUSTRIES OF DRILLING TECHNOLOGY AND BY SPERRY RAND OF UNIVAC COMPUTER TO TASS. BRZEZINSKI AND AIDES SAID TO FAVOR CURB ON EXPORTS, WITH STATE AND COMMERCE OPPOSING. BURT NOTES SENATOR JACKSON'S PUBLIC CALL FOR CANCELLATION OF THESE TWO PLANNED SALES, AND VANCE'S REMARKS ON PLANE TO GENEVA THAT ONE SHOULD NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST MOSCOW.

SHIPLER/MOSCOW REPORT IN JULY 12 NYT ON TRIALS NOTES IRINA GINZBURG EJECTED FROM HUSBAND'S TRIAL IN KALUGA BECAUSE SHE OBJECTED TO WITNESS ARKADY GRADOBOYEV'S CHARACTERIZATION OF DISSIDENTS AS CRIMINALS FINANCED FROM ABROAD, AND ACCUSED HIM OF LYING WHEN HE SAID SHE THREATENED HIM. SHIPLER ALSO REPORTS TOTH'S NAME WAS BROUGHT UP JULY 10

IN SHCHARANSKY TRIAL, ACCORDING TO DEFENDANT'S BROTHER
LEONID, AND THAT OFFICIAL SOVIET STATEMENT LISTED LIPAVSKY
AS WITNESS. SHIPLER REPORT CONCLUDED THAT "ANOTHER
SOVIET COURT IS TRYING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GENUINE
ESPIONAGE CASE, POSSIBLY INVOLVING THE CIA," WHOSE
DEFENDANT IS ANATOLYN N. FILATOV, CHARGED WITH POSSESSING
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AN ARRAY OF SPY EQUIPMENT.

A PAGE 3 SPECIAL TO THE NYT ADJACENT TO SHIPLER REPORT
DETAILS DIFFICULTIES CORRESPONDENTS HAVE IN PUTTING
ACCOUNT OF TRIALS TOGETHER FROM UNINFORMATIVE OFFICIAL
REPORTS AND NEWS TRANSMITTED BY DISSIDENT SYMPATHIZERS.

NYT ON PAGE 4 REPORTS ON QUIET PROTEST MISSION CONDUCTED
OUTSIDE SOVIET MISSION TO UN AGAINST TRIALS BY LEADING
US LITERARY FIGURES ARTHUR MILLER, EDWARD ALBEE, AND
OTHERS, SOME OF WHOM NEVERTHELESS FAVOR CONTINUATION OF

SALT TALKS DESPITE MISTREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS. BRIEF
FOLLOWON ARTICLE SAME PAGE ACCOMPANIED BY PICTURE OF
NATALYA SOLZHENITSYN CITES HER AS DEPLORING TRIALS OF
DISSIDENTS AND EXPRESSING FEAR GINZBURG WOULD BE SENT TO
A "DEATH CAMP." CHRISTOPHER

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